**Minutes**

Call to Order

Motion to Approve the Agenda: 1st: \_\_Kim Deniker\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_Nancy Blaskewicz\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_Tuesday, March 10th, 2015\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Called to Order at (Time): \_\_5:05 PM\_\_\_\_

Location/Address: \_\_\_Red Rock Café, Slippery Rock, PA 16057\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Intro of Officers Present**: \_X Michele Evans, President \_X Nancy Blaskewicz, Membership

\_\_ Mary Ann Wilson, Secretary \_X Kim Deniker, Government Relations

\_\_ Mary Campbell, Treasurer \_X Heather Buchan \_\_\_ Maile Kirkpatrick

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| * **Secretary’s Report –** *Heather Buchan filled in for**Mary Ann Wilson*    + Hard copies of minutes are available.   + Additions/Corrections for the November 17th, 2014 meeting.   + Meeting minutes from November 17th, 2014 meeting were accepted as posted. | * **Membership Report –** *Nancy Blaskewicz*   + Current Membership Count: 49   + Date of Count from KSRA Reports: February 2015, earned $00 for new & renewal members   + New Membership Incentives?   + Contact Universities, Public Libraries, and School Library, Reading, English teachers to prompt membership interest |
| * **Treasurer’s Report –** *Mary Campbell*   + Current Checking Balance: $4,472.87 * Expenses: 0 * Deposits: * Report will be filed for audit * Library Donations * Bills to be approved/paid: ILA Membership Payments for International Project | * **Government Relations Report** *– Kim Deniker*   + See <http://ksrapa.org/?page_id=848> for ongoing Pennsylvania House Education Contact Information.   + Useful government relation links are also available.  1. National Library Legislation Day 2015 is on May 4th and 5th and sponsored by American Libraries Association. 2. Details on Wolf’s Educational Budget . 3. The International Reading Association (IRA) is now known as the International Literacy Association (ILA) 4. ESEA has a new draft. 5. Act 48 electronic transcripts are now accepted from out-of-state institutions. 6. Working on the 990N and filed all necessary paperwork and membership information for the past three years.   Refer to BLMRC website under  ***Government Relations*** for more details. |

* **President’s Report** – *Michele Evans*
  + Welcomed all officers and members at large that were present!
  + KSRA Report – January Meeting: IRA is now officially ILA (International Literacy Association).
    - Many changes including By-laws are being restructured.
    - Council by-laws may be following in suit with these changes.
    - Council Bylaws and new Logo are tabled pending ILA and KSRA direction.
    - Local Task Force may be created along with the strategic plan for each RC.
  + May meeting announcement will be sent out by e-mail and posted on the Wiki.
    - Kaleidoscope Festival was cancelled due to lack of information and no return calls from SRU. Members may choose to attend on their own and collect information for next year if so desired.

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* + June’s RC organizational meeting will be announced by e-mail and posted on the Wiki
  + All Officer’s will remain in place for their second year of the two year terms required for each position.
  + See Kim Deniker with all ILA membership numbers for the 2015-2016 officer/membership list.
  + We are checking to see if we are rotating the Members-At Large for membership for the new year 2015-2016
  + May 5th meeting: All local Public Libraries in the three county are will be invited to share their summer reading programs for all ages.
  + Each Public Library that presents at the May 5th Meeting, will be considered for a donation which will be decided upon in the fall of 2015.
  + Motion: Two International Literacy Association memberships at $69.00 each will be purchased by the Council to fulfill International Project requirements. Money will be paid to Eric McDonald, KSRA-ILA Liaison, to purchase membership on the reading council’s behalf.
    - Motion moved by Linda Zeigler
    - Motion Seconded by Jean Hejazi
    - Motion carries unanimously.
  + Act 48 Hours-Members will continue to sign in during the meeting. Kim will submit hours to Sandee Cechini for credit after each meeting.
    - Each member in attendance is asked to complete an evaluation of the meeting in order to receive Act 45/48 hours. Signing in on the rosters is still required for those wanting Act 45/48 hours. Members should sign in for Act 48 hours
    - There was an issue of hours being recorded. Kim has e-mailed Sandee Cechini and requested confirmation of submission of hours. We are waiting to hear back from her.
  + Reminders for Members
    - Please nominate early for Awards for this year. Applications are available on Wikispaces.
    - Consider nominating someone for the:
      * Community Grant Award Due April 1st
      * Celebrate Literacy Award Due April 1st

**Unfinished Business**:

* Logo: Michele is checking with various vendors to produce the logo as the Council has approved. She is waiting on info back from them to decide who the vendor will be to produce it for our letterhead, pamphlets and on our flag. She is also waiting the pending ILA logo decision before pursuing our so we can make all appropriate changes at once.
* Charter: Nancy and Kim are working with Eric McDonald from the KSRA – IRA Liaison – to obtain a charter for the new BLM RC. There are issues with the restructure of the IRA and the EIN number that Kim is working with Eric on to resolve. Currently the IRS is not showing the BLM RC as a valid non-charitable organization. The 990N postcards have been correctly filed on the Councils part, but the IRS needs to send a letter stating that our EIN number is attached to our council since the merger. They have failed to do this, so the header naming our council is incorrect with the IRS.
* Approved Council brochure: This is waiting for additional dates to be approved. Will pursue for the 2015-2016 year.

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* The Council will conduct all current council business through Wikispace for public viewing. The account was accepted as an educational Wiki and will continue to be free of charge for the Council.
  + - Public Library Awards and Council Awards announced.

**New Business**

* Next meeting will be at the Wilmington Area Middle School Library, 400 Wood Street, New Wilmington, PA 16142. Three County Wide Public Libraries will be presenting their summer reading programs for all ages.
* Please see [www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/](http://www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/) under meeting announcement page for more information.

**Meeting Adjourned at: \_\_\_6:25 PM\_**

**Meeting Program**: Best Reads, What you have read that you would recommend for any topics or age/interest level.